

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NEW CASTLE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TOWN HALL – 201 DELAWARE STREET – NEW CASTLE  
TUESDAY – APRIL 3, 2001 – 7:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT**

Councilman DiAngelo  
Councilman Marinelli  
President Blest

Councilman Davis  
Councilman Reese

Also, present Mayor Houben, Jeff Bergstrom, Building Official, Mr. Gerald Kavanaugh, City Solicitor and the only member of the audience was Mr. Chris Costagno.

1. **Presentation of audit for FY 1999-2000.** Mr. Davis reviewed the 1999-2000 audit with the Mayor and Council. Mr. Davis made a motion that council accept the audit of the FY 1999-2000. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Letter of Intent to allow city employees to participate in State of Delaware Health Insurance Plan.** Mr. Martin explained council's approval was needed to send a letter of intent to the State of Delaware allowing them enough time to get quotes on benefit packages that will be available to city employees effective July 1, 2001. The State of Delaware has to receive the letter of intent by mid May 2001. Mr. Reese made a motion that Mr. Martin send a letter of intent to The State of Delaware regarding health insurance for city employees. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 399 amending the City Code of the City of New Castle to prohibit the parking of vehicles on lawns or on any other surface except a surface treated and hardened to accommodate vehicles.** Mr. Blest read Ordinance No. 399 in its entirety. Council then decided a public hearing would be held prior to the regular council meeting on May 8, 2001 at 6:45 p.m.
4. **Confirmation of the Mayor's appointments to the Planning Commission.** Mayor Houben stated that 3 of the mayor's appointments to the planning commission were up on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001. He stated the 3 members whose terms are up are Mr. Henry Herndon, Mr. Clay Bridgewater and Mr. George Freebery. Mayor Houben stated he had asked Mr. Herndon and Mr. Bridgewater to serve again and that he has asked James Steele from Washington Park to replace Mr. Freebery. Mr. Reese made a motion that council approve the mayor's 3 appointments to the planning commission for a 3 year term. Mr. DiAngelo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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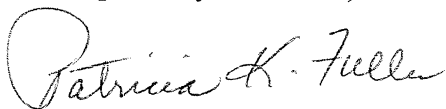
5. **Discussion of city vehicle replacement and markings.** Mr. Reese made the suggestion that all city vehicles have city seals placed on them. Mr. Martin presented to council a plan for city vehicles to keep the fleet in operable condition. After much discussion council decided to table this item at this time.

President Blest then stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn the special meeting and enter into executive session. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FOR APRIL 3, 2001 AS DICTATED BY MR. ROBERT MARTIN, CITY ADMINISTRATOR.**

The Mayor and Council met with the city solicitor Gerald Kavanaugh for approximately 45 minutes in executive session to discuss potential litigation regarding a subdivision request. Also members of council discussed the possible acquisition of the Deemer Steele Property. Mr. Davis then made a motion to adjourn the executive session and being no further business adjourn the public session. Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia K. Fuller". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Patricia K. Fuller  
City Clerk